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In the past seven years, we have built four new school facilities and have a fifth under construction. In each case, we designed the projects to LEED gold or higher, so many energy efficiencies were designed in. In each case, we wanted solar because we thought that it was appropriate to demonstrate the value of renewal energy for our students, but did not have the project funding available to actually pay for the photovoltaic systems ourselves. As a result, we entered into rooftop lease agreements with SDG&E and while we get a small payment for renting out our rooftops, the energy is going to the grid and the school gets no direct benefit in the form of energy savings. If we have an audit that says that the best way to cut the energy costs of operating the school would be to buy out those systems from SDG&E and have the generated power flow to the school, is that something that Prop 39 funding could be used for?

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